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Saw Chancellor and Fon Mir together this morning. Chancellor read me transcript his conversation with Joxe. Paris Embtel 1579 admirably summarized interchange views.

Adenauer told Joxe FedRep foreign policy was necessarily and deliberately based on American foreign policy. Maintenance of American interest and troops in Europe of overwhelming importance. Loss of either would be fatal to Europe whose own power position relatively feeble as compared with that of two giants. He believes Joxe personally sympathetic to such reasoning, and embarrassed by fact that General still living in past and unrealistic about world changes since he previously held office.

Adenauer believes he can personally be useful in trying to find a way out (Ausweg) for General in unfortunate position he has placed himself. Thinks de Gaulle already must have been discouraged by adverse reaction outside France to idea political triumvirate. However, believes rejection can be softened by exercise of tact, and by expressing willingness for

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for bilateral talks outside NATO on any matters of joint concern, which has always been normal diplomatic procedure.

As to any reorganization of NATO or expansion its jurisdiction, General is free to put forward his plans in Council where they would be given courteous and careful consideration.

Adenauer seems to have forgotten indignation attributed to him because reflections embodied General's letters Pres Eisenhower and Macmillan had not been discussed with him during Colombey meeting. He is evidently pleased with Joke visit, and also call on him this morning by Ambassador Seydoux bearing friendly message from de Gaulle. He expects see Seydoux again in few days and through him to maintain ~~constant~~ contact with General. In fact, Chancellor seems in benevolent mood toward de Gaulle, whom he regards as a wayward Western sheep who can be enticed back into fold.

He is not equally well disposed toward Marshal Montgomery who was characterized to him by an English friend as the "stupidest man in the United Kingdom on political subjects". He regards Montgomery's suggestion of a French Commander in Chief at SHAPE as entirely unacceptable and ridiculous.

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